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# FIRST: An EU-FAO policy-investment initiative in support of SDG2

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Global progress on ending hunger and malnutrition is stalling. It is imperative that we refocus our efforts on policies, investments, and innovations that will produce lasting impact at scale within the next 10 years.

This side event will illustrate how countries participating in the FIRST Programme are creating conditions for investments in agriculture and food systems to produce more tangible and sustainable impacts on food security and nutrition.

ECOWAS will share its experience with policies and investments in fisheries and aquaculture. Myanmar will highlight the nexus between land use policy, investment in agriculture, and nutrition. Niger will illustrate how it is making agriculture and other sectors more nutrition-sensitive. FAO and EU will share how this partnership works in practice.

## SPEAKERS

- **Mr Kyaw Swe Lin**

Director General, Department of Planning, Min. of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Myanmar

- **Mr Ali Bety**

Minister and High Commissioner of the 3N Initiative, Niger

- **Mr Sidibé Aboubacar**

FIRST Policy Officer in ECOWAS Commission

- **Ms Madeleine Onclin**

Team Leader, Head of Sector "Nutrition", DEVCO, European Commission

- **Mr Karel Callens**

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## ABOUT FIRST

FIRST is a partnership between the European Union, FAO and over 30 countries to create a conducive policy and institutional environment for accelerating the food security and nutrition impacts of investments in agriculture and food systems.